



**Mission**

*LHAAC will advance a risk based sampling scheme to ensure food safety and quality.*

*LHAAC will have strong corporate governance, leadership and effective partnerships.*

*LHAAC will maintain a sustainable and cost effective service for all clients.*

**CONTRACT FOR ANALYTICAL SERVICES**

LHAAC has recently invited both Agrifood Technology and ChemCentre to extend the contract for the Provision of Analytical Services to LHAAC for a further 12 months commencing on 1 Jan 2016. This is the first of two optional one-year extensions to the contract. Both analysts have accepted the offer. The initial contract was offered for a 3-year period which expires on 31 December 2015.

**REVIEW OF SAMPLING NEEDS**

A number of Local Governments are interested in other forms of sampling being undertaken via the LHAAC Scheme (e.g. asbestos, heavy metals, microbiological, water) and a formal request for LHAAC to consider this proposal was tabled at the August 2015 meeting. LHAAC agreed that a survey of Local Governments should be conducted to seek their views.



The survey was sent to all LGAs on 5 October 2015. Responses are required by Friday 6 November 2015 please. This is a very important issue and your participation in the survey is greatly appreciated.

**EXPENDITURE TO DATE SUMMARIES**

The provision of Sampling to Date Summaries to all participating LGAs has been well received since we began the process in late 2013. The first of these for the financial year 2015/16 will be issued mid-November, and monthly thereafter. The Summary is not usually issued in the first few months of the financial year due to low sampling activity in the first quarter.

**SLOW START TO SAMPLING IN 2015/16**

It has been a particularly slow start for sampling activity in 2015/16 for both appointed analysts. Details of the first two Coordinated Sampling Projects (CSPs) for the year will be provided shortly, which should help to kick-start sampling activity in many LGAs.

Both analysts have reported an increase in food complaints which may serve as a timely reminder to us all that the number of food complaints typically increases when Discretionary Sampling activity is low.

I urge all LGAs, and particularly those with food manufacturers in their locality, to action their sampling program for the year.

**WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS**

LHAAC have been working with a web designer to improve our current website and offer a more informative site. The new site should be going live at the end of the year.

## COORDINATED SAMPLING PROJECT REPORTS

I am very conscious there are a number of reports outstanding for completed Coordinated Sampling Projects. It is crucial that the information contained in the reports is accurate, relevant and transparent and LHAAC therefore have to apply the utmost caution when preparing the reports for distribution. This includes taking particular care on how the analytical data is presented and, therefore, how it might be interpreted. This process takes time and I do apologise for the delay.



## METROPOLITAN FOOD GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the MFG will be held on Tuesday 10 November at the LHAAC offices at 10 Selby St, Shenton Park. The meeting commences at 1030. Metropolitan EHOs are welcome to attend. Please rsvp to Trevor by calling 9266 9451 or via email to: [lhaac@curtin.edu.au](mailto:lhaac@curtin.edu.au)



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